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MEMORANDUM FOR HENRY A KISSINGER

FROM: Al Haig

**SUBJECT: Items to Discuss with the President, Monday
August 17, 1970**

1. Discuss meeting with Prime Minister Meir's political advisor at Saturday's meeting and review overall problems with Israel.

I have discussed this with the President: Yes _____ No _____

Comments: _____

2. Explain delay on Aid Message and reasons for it.

I have discussed this with the President: Yes _____ No _____

Comments: _____

3. You promised Sullivan on Wednesday that you would ask the President about his attitude with respect to pressuring Thieu on his economic problems. Telephone memcon at Tab A. Lynn states Cooper recommends we hold off for at least a week.

I have discussed this with the President: Yes _____ No _____

Comments: _____

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4. Review with President the substance of your discussions with Vorontsev last Thursday afternoon.

I have discussed this with the President: Yes _____ No _____

Comments: _____

5. Inform the President that you are concerned about Laird's hijinks with SVN budget and draft calls and affect this will have on our force levels. Get his OK to request a briefing (TAB B). You are sending the President a separate memo on this.

I have discussed this with the President: Yes _____ No _____

Comments: _____

6. Inform the President that we announced the Vice President's itinerary on Wednesday since Kaplow had story. It will include Seoul, Bangkok, Phnom Penh, Saigon and Taipei with Vientiane begging off as well as Djakarta. The latter suggests the Vice President's itinerary may make them feel uncomfortable. We queried Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew for a possible brief meeting but he will not be in country.

I have discussed this with the President: Yes _____ No _____

Comments: _____

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